



Pride Foundation connects, inspires and strengthens the Pacific Northwest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in pursuit of equality. We accomplish this in rural and urban areas by awarding grants and scholarships and cultivating leaders. Pride Foundation envisions a world that honors diversity, fosters mutual respect, and celebrates complete equality.

Did you know?

- According to 2004 FBI statistics, **hate crimes based on sexual orientation** constituted the third highest category reported and made up **15.5 %** of all reported hate crimes in the United States.
- Massachusetts is the only state in the U.S. that **allows same-sex couples to marry**. Although Vermont has enacted civil unions, these couples are only eligible for state benefits and protections of marriage; however, civil unions cannot confer any of the 1,049 federal benefits that come with marriage.
- Same-sex marriage is banned either by state constitutional amendment or statute in 42 states.
- It is estimated that up to **60,000 U.S. citizens** identify as transsexual, and at least **one transsexual per month** across the USA is killed in a hate crime. (Source: Sexual Information and Educational Council of the United States)
- Over twice as many lesbian, gay, and bisexual students (19%) report being **threatened or injured with a weapon** at their public high school during the year than heterosexual students (8%). 64% of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students in middle and high schools say they feel **unsafe** at school. (Source: Sexual Information and Educational Council of the United States)
- At least 21 states have granted second-parent adoptions to lesbian and gay couples, ensuring that their children can enjoy the benefits of having two legal parents, especially if one of the parents dies or becomes incapacitated. More than 22 states to date have allowed lesbians and gay men to adopt children either through state-run or private adoption agencies.
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender high school seniors who have experienced higher frequencies of **verbal harassment** at school are more likely to report they **do not plan to attend college** than lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender seniors who have never or rarely experienced verbal harassment.

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Join with the only community foundation in Washington State dedicated to strengthening our lesbian/gay and allied communities. Since 1987, grants awarded total over \$5.5 million to organizations in an array of projects in education & advocacy, youth & family services, arts & recreation, and health & community services.

Participating Nonprofits:

AIDS Housing Association Of Tacoma

301 North "L" Street, Tacoma, WA 98403

AIDS Housing Association serves twelve counties, we provide enriched residential services for PLWA's including informal individual, family chemical dependency counseling, medication management, community based activities, hospice care, and two independent living houses.

Entre Hermanos

P.O. Box 12187, Seattle, WA 98102

Entre Hermanos works to improve the health and well-being of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Latino/a community in a safe and culturally appropriate environment.

Gay City Health Project

511 E Pike Street, Seattle, WA 98122

Gay City Health Project is an innovative gay men's health organization in Seattle and the premiere provider of HIV/STD testing in the Puget Sound.

Gay Community Social Services

P.O. Box 22228, Seattle, WA 98144

Provides technical support, stability and non-profit status to under funded, underrepresented grassroots organizations, through youth and elder advocacy, lesbian health, AIDS education and other social services.

GLSEN -Puget Sound Gay, Lesbian And Straight Ed Network

1605 12th Avenue, Suite 32, Seattle, WA 98122

Regional organization fostering support for gay/lesbian educators and youth, striving to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected.

GSBA Scholarship Fund

2150 N 107th Street #205, Seattle, WA 98133

Grants scholarships for Washington undergraduates who demonstrate need and commitment to human rights; promotes diverse leadership in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied community.

Humane Society For Seattle/King County - Pet Project

13212 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue, WA 98005

Assists pet owners with AIDS in keeping their companion animals in their homes by providing pet food/supplies, referrals, grooming services and limited veterinary care.

Rainbow City Band

P.O. Box 51074, Seattle, WA 98115

Performs challenging music in a variety of styles, fosters musical growth, and promotes visibility and acceptance of gays and lesbians in the community at large.

Rise N' Shine

417 23rd Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98144 www.risenshine.org

Offers emotional support and advocacy for children and teens affected by AIDS including those infected themselves, children orphaned and those living with infected family members

Safe Schools Coalition c/o Lifelong Aids Alliance

MS: NTH-PH-0100 - 10501 Meridian Avenue N, Seattle, WA 98133

Intervenes in homophobic harassment, trains teachers about bias-based bullying and the needs of children with gay/lesbian/bi/trans parents, provides tools (posters, etc.), holds districts accountable.

Seattle LGBT Community Center

1122 E Pike Street #1010, Seattle, WA 98122

The Center provides opportunities and tools for LGBT individuals, organizations, and communities, ensuring their voices can be heard, included, and affirmed.

Technology Access Foundation

3803 South Edmunds Street Suite A, Seattle, WA 98118

Technology Access Foundation prepares underserved students of color for success in a technology driven world by providing technology and life skills training.

Verbena

1122 E Pike Street #1333, Seattle, WA 98122

Building vibrant communities for lesbians, bisexual and queer women, and transgendered individuals (mtf and ftm) through health advocacy, education, support, and access to care.